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An Act for the better Regulating of Measures in and throughout this Kingdom.

FOR Prevention of the many and Great Inconvenieneies and Discouragements to Trade in this Kingdom, which proceed from the want of one Certain and Known Measure for all sorts of Grain to be Measured and Sold by, in and throughout this Kingdom.

Be it therefore Enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That one and the same Measure shall be Used in and throughout this Kingdom, and Every part thereof: And that the Measure and Measures to be henceforth Used in this Kingdom shall be and Contain as herein after is mentioned and Appointed, and no otherwise (that is to say) The Measure Called the Peck shall be and Contain Two Gallons, and no more. The Measure Called the Bushell shall be and Contain Eight Gallons, and no more. The Measure Called the Half Barrel shall be and Contain Sixteen Gallons, and no more. And the Barrel shall be and Contain Thirty Two Gallons, and no more. The said Gallon to Contain Two Hundred Seaventy Two Cubical Inches, and one fourth part of a Cubical Inch, according to

the Gallon mentioned and Appointed in and by one Act of Parliament, made and Enacted in this Kingdom, in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of the Late Queen ELIZABETH, of Blessed Memory.

And be it also Enacted, that there shall be forthwith provided, at His Majesties Charge, one Barrel, one half Barrel, one Bushel, one Peck, and one Gallon, according to the above said Measure; which said Barrel, half Barrel, Bushel, Peck and Gallon shall be the Standards for the Measures in and throughout this Kingdom of IRELAND: And that the said Standards being marked with the Crown, and Letters of His Majesties Name, shall be placed, and safely kept in His Majesties Exchequer of this Kingdom, in the Custody of the Lord Treasurer of this Realm, or of the Vice-Treasurer, his Deputy or Deputies for the time being.

And be it further Enacted, That in Every County, Town, City, Liberty, Franchise, and Market-Town Within this Realm, shall be placed and Kept at the proper Costs and Charges of Each County, City, Liberty, Franchize, and Market-Town, Respectively, in the Custody of the Sheriff of such County, and of the Mayor, Bayliff, Sovereign, Seneschal, or Steward of any Liberty, or Mannor, or other Chief Magistrate Residing in such City, or Market-Town, one Barrel, one half Barrel, one Bushel, one Peck, and one Gallon, according to the above Measures; which said Barrel, half Barrel, Bushel, Peck and Gallon shall be first Measured by the said Standards in the Exchequer,

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and ſhall be ſeverally Sealed, Branded or Marked on the Edge or Brim, with the Crown and Letters of His Majeſties Name, and with ſuch other Mark as the Lord High Treaſurer of this Kingdom, or the Vice-Treaſurer, his Deputy or Deputies, for the time being, ſhall think fit, and that for the Meaſuring, Branding and Marking of Each ſuch Meaſures the ſumm of Six-pence, and no more, ſhall be paid to the ſaid Lord High-Treaſurer, or the Vice-Treaſurer, his Deputy or Deputies, for the time being, by the Perſon or Perſons Who ſhall bring the ſaid Meaſures to be Meaſured, Branded or Marked; Which ſaid Barrels, half Barrels, Buſhels, Pecks and Gallons, in the Cuſtody of the ſaid Sheriffs, Mayors, Bayliffs, Soveraigns, Seneſchals, or Stewards of any Liberty, or Mannor, or other Head-Officers, being Meaſured or Marked by the ſaid Lord High Treaſurer, or the Vice-Treaſurer, his Deputy or Deputies, for the time being, ſhall be and Remain the Standards for ſuch County, City, Liberty or Franchize, or Market-Town, Reſpectively.

And be it further Enacted, That the ſaid Sheriffs, Mayors, Bayliffs, Soveraigns, Seneſchals, or Steward of any Liberty, or Mannor, and other Officers, in Whoſe Cuſtody ſuch Standards are hereby Appointed to Remain, ſhall have full power to Meaſure and Compare all ſuch Barels, half Barrels, Buſhels, Pecks and Gallons, as ſhall be brought, or offered to them, or any of them to be Meaſured or Marked; And if upon Meaſuring the ſame, they or any of them ſhall find the ſaid Meaſurs ſo

brought or offered, Respectively, to be agreeable to, and to Contain Equal Quantities with the said Measures Marked by the said Lord High-Treasurer, or Vice-Treasurer, his said Deputy or Deputies, for the time being, That then the said Sheriffs, Mayors, Bayliffs, Soveraigns, Seneschal, Steward, or other Chief Officers, or any of them, shall Mark, or Brand the said Measures so brought to them on the Rim or Edge of them, Respectively, with the Crown and Letters of His Majesties Name; and also with a Mark or Brand to be appointed by each County, City, Liberty or Franchize, or Market-Town, Respectively: And that for the Measuring and Marking of Each such Measure, shall be paid by the Person or Persons bringing or offering the said Measure or Measures to be Sealed or Marked, the Sum of Six-pence, and no more.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the Twenty Sixth Day of March, which will be in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand, Six Hundred, Ninety Six, no Measures shall be Used for Measuring any sort of Grain in this Kingdom, or in any part thereof, but such as shall be first Measured and Compared by the said Standards in the Exchequer, or by one of the said Standards Remaining in the Custody of such as hereby are Appointed to have the Custody of them in the Respective Counties, Cities, Liberties, Franchizes, and Market-Towns within this Kingdom, and shall be Branded and Marked, as aforesaid: And that Whosoever after the said Twenty Sixth Day of March next, shall Sell or Measure any sort of Grain, Corn, Malt, or Oat-Meal, in any place or places whatsoever

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within this Kingdom, by any Meaſure or Meaſures Containing any Greater or Leſſer Quantity then as aforeſaid, or by any Barrel, half Barrel, Buſhel, Peck or Gallon which hath not been Meaſured by, and is not of Equal Content with the ſaid Standard in the Exchequer, or by, and with the ſaid Standards Remaining in the ſaid Counties, Towns, Cities, Liberties, Franchizes, or Market-Towns, or ſome of them, or that hath not been Marked, as aforeſaid, by ſome one in whoſe Cuſtody the ſaid Standards are by this Act Appointed to Remain, ſhall Forfeit for Every ſuch Offence the ſumm of Ten Pounds, whereof the one Moyety ſhall be to the Poor of the Pariſh where ſuch Offence is, or ſhall be, Committed; and the other Moyety to the Informer, and that upon Information given upon Oath, or otherwiſe, to any Juſtice of the Peace of any County, Mayor, Bayliff, Soveraign, or other Chief Magiſtrate of any City, Liberty, or Franchize, or Town Corporate, the ſaid Seneſchal, Juſtice of the Peace, Franchiſe, Mayors, Bayliffs, Soveraign, Seneſchal, aforeſaid, or other Chief Magiſtrate to whom ſuch Information is Given, ſhall immediately Iſſue his Warrant, Requiring the Party or Parties Complained of to appear before him; And if upon Examination it ſhall appear by the Oath or Oaths of one or more Credible Witneſſes to the ſaid Juſtice of Peace, Mayor, Bayliff, Soveraign, Seneſchal, aforeſaid, or other Chief Magiſtrate; that the ſaid Party ſo Complained of, hath Sold, Delivered, or Received any ſort of Corn, Grain, Malt, or Oat-Meal, by any Barrel, half Barrel, or other Meaſure

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not Marked, Sealed, or Branded by the Sheriff, Mayor, Soveraign, Seneschal, or some other Person Who hereby have Power, and are Appointed to make Seal, or Brand the same, That then the said Justice, Mayor, Bayliffs, Soveraign, or other Chief Magistrate within his and their Respective Precincts, shall Issue a Warrant to the Constable of the Parish Where such Offender Resides, Requiring him to Levy by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the Person so Offending the said summ of Ten Pounds, Whereof the one moyety shall be given to the Poor of the Parish, as aforesaid, Where such Offender doth Reside, and the other moyety to the said Informer.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person, Who hereby hath power to Measure and Mark any Barrel, half Barrel, or other Measure brought to him, shall Mark, Seal, Brand, or allow any Barrel, half Barrel, or any other Measure Which shall or doth Contain more or less, Respectively, then the said Standards Remaining in his Custody, the said Person so Doing shall Forfeit for Every such Barrel, half Barrel, or other Measure so Sealed, Marked, Branded or Allowed by him, the summ of Fifty Pounds; The one Moyety to the King, and the other Moyety to the Use of him that will sue for the same, to be Recovered by Action, Suite, Bill or Plaint, in any of his Majesties Courts of Record, at Dublin, Wherein no Essoyne, Protection or Wager of Law shall be Allowed, nor any more then one Imparlance.

And be it likewise Enacted, That Every Barrel, half Barrel, and other Measure whatsoever

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of any ſort of Corn, Grain, Mault, or Oat-Meal ſhall be Sold, Delibered and Received, Stricked without Heaps, and without Preſſing or ſhaking Down : And not in any other manner, upon pain of the Forfeiture of Five Pounds to him that will Sue for the ſame, to be Recovered by Action, Suite, Bill, or Plaint, in any of His Majeſties Courts at Dublin, Wherein no Eſſoyn, Protection, or Wager of Law ſhall be Allowed, or any more then one Imparlance.

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